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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN ATTACK ON SWAPO IN ANGOLA

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BRITISH FULLY SHARE OUR CONCERN OVER SOUTH AFRICAN
ATTACK ON SWAPO IN ANGOLA. SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL WAS
PASSED TO ASSISTANT UNDER SECRETARY PHILIP MANSFIELD AT
OPENING OF BUSINESS ON MAY 5. IN THE ABSENCE OF SOUTH
AFRICAN AMBASSADOR BOTHA, MANSFIELD CONVOKED MINISTER-
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COUNSELLOR LOUW TO FCO AT NOON AND TOLD LOUW OF HMG'S
"STRONG CONCERN." MANSFIELD POINTED OUT THE STRONG
LIKELIHOOD THAT SOUTH AFRICA'S ACTIONS WOULD HAVE A
SERIOUSLY HARMFUL EFFECT ON THE FORTHCOMING CONTACT
GROUP TALKS WITH SWAPO IN NEW YORK, TALKS WHICH SOUTH
AFRICA PRESUMABLY WISHED TO SUCCEED. LOUW REPLIED BY
QUOTING FROM SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIAL STATEMENTS ON THE

INCURSION, BUT HE PROMISED TO RELAY MANSFIELD'S
STATEMENT TO HIS GOVERNMENT.

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